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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS
SUBJ: PRISONER RELEASE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

REF: SEOUL 9711

1. KIM TONG-KIL, A MEMBER OF DISSIDENTS GROUP NEGOTIATING WITH ROKG ON PRISONER RELEASE, CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT BISHOP CHI HOLDING TO HARD LINE, INSISTING THAT KIM CHI-HA BE RELEASED ALONG WITH MYONGDONG AND EMERGENCY MEASURE PRISONERS. KIM TONG-KIL THOUGHT EXCESSIVE DEMANDS OPPOSITION LAYING ON KCIA COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT. HE SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH PRESENT KCIA DIRECTOR'S MODERATION AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND WAYS FOR THE OPPOSITION TO SUPPORT DIRECTOR AGAINST "HAWKS" IN HIS ORGANIZATION. KIM ADDED THAT HE HOPED USG WOULD CONTINUE "FRIENDLY PERSUASION" AND NOT (RPT NOT) RESORT TO PUBLIC PRESSURE WHICH MIGHT MAKE REGIME LESS AMENABLE TO MOVING FORWARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. REV KIM KWAN-SUK, SEC GEN KNCC, TOLD EMBOFF THAT PROTESTANT MEMBERS OF DISSIDENT GROUP WERE ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE BISHOP CHI TO DROP INSISTANCE ON PROMPT RELEASE OF KIM CHI-HA. IF THIS FAILED, THEY WOULD GO
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FORWARD WITHOUT BISHOPS PARTICIPATION AND SEEK TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT WITH ROKG. KIM SAID KCIA MAY HAVE SIMILAR PLANS SINCE IT HAS CALLED FOR AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN KNCC CHURCH DENOMINATION LEADERS AND A RANKING OFFICIAL OF KCIA. REV KIM NOTED THAT ONCE AGREEMENT ON SCOPE OF RELEASE IRONED OUT, TEXT OF STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY PRISONERS WILL BE TACKLED AND THAT WILL ALSO BE DELICATE AND

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